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SUBJ: ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF DOCUMENT OF BOGOTA

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1. HERewith UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION OF THE "DOCUMENT OF BOGOTA"
APPROVED BY THE LA FORNMINs ON NOV 16:

"THE MINISTERS OF FOREIGN RELATIONS AND SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVES
OF THE LATIN AMERICAN STATES, MEETING IN BOGOTA FROM NOVEMBER
14 TO 16, 1973,

AFTER HAVING ANALYZED THE CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH A NEW DIALOGUE
CAN BE CARRIED OUT BETWEEN LATIN AMERICA AND THE UNITED STATES
AS

A RESULT OF THE INVITATION EXTENDED BY THE UNITED STATES
SECRETARY OF STATE, DR. HENRY KISSINGER,
CONSCIOUS THAT PROFOUND CHANGES HAVE OCCURRED IN THE INTERNATIONAL
SITUATION AND THAT IT IS NECESSARY TO FORMULATE NEW ORIENTATIONS
IN CONTINENTAL COOPERATION,

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DESIROUS OF CARRYING FORWARD THIS NEW COOPERATION ON PRINCIPLES
OF SOLIDARITY, NON-INTERVENTION AND RESPECT FOR NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY,
AS WELL AS THE FREE DETERMINATION OF PEOPLES AND EQUALITY AMONG

STATES,
HAVE REACHED A CONSENSUS ON THE BASES FOR A NEW DIALOGUE BETWEEN
LATIN AMERICA AND THE UNITED STATES, WHICH WILL BE DELIVERED
TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE BY THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN RELATIONS
OF COLOMBIA, DR ALFREDO VAZQUEZ CARRIZAOSA, AND HAVE AGREED:
2. LATIN AMERICA IS CONSCIOUS OF ITS NEW POSITION WHICH ALLOWS
IT TO UTILIZE AND STIMULATE THE ELEMENTS OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION
IN SUPPORT OF NATIONAL PRIORITY EFFORTS TO ACCELERATE ITS OWN
DEVELOPMENT, TO IMPROVE THE ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL LEVELS OF
ITS PEOPLES AND TO CONTRIBUTE TO PEACE AND UNIVERSAL HARMONY
IN CONSONANCE WITH THE HIGH AIMS WORTHY OF A CONTINENT OF CONSIDER-
ABLE ECONOMIC POTENTIAL, IMMENSE NATURAL RESOURCES AND HIGH
QUALITY HUMAN RESOURCES.

3. INASMUCH AS LATIN AMERICA IS A COMMUNITY OF FREE AND SOVEREIGN
STATES WITH ITS OWN VALUES DERIVED FROM ITS HISTORICAL, CULTURAL
AND SOCIAL EVOLUTION, THE GROWING AND CONSTRUCTIVE LATIN AMERICAN
NATIONALISM CONSTITUTES A STRONG ELEMENT OF LATIN AMERICAN UNITY
AND IMPLIES A COMMON WILL TO STRENGTHEN ITS CAPACITY AND JOINTLY
TO ACHIEVE ITS HISTORICAL DESTINY.

4. ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT IS THE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY
OF EACH LATIN AMERICAN NATION AND IMPOSES UPON ALL THE OBLIGATION
TO COOPERATE FULLY AS A CONDITION FOR THE EFFECTIVE PROGRESS
OF EACH AND EVERYONE.

5. THE OCCASION IS APPROPRIATE TO REAFFIRM THE DETERMINATION OF
THEIR GOVERNMENTS TO ACHIEVE THE GOALS OF INTEGRATION AND COMPLETE,
HARMONIOUS AND SELF-SUSTAINING DEVELOPMENT THAT WILL BRING THE
FULL REALIZATION OF HUMAN POTENTIAL AND INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL
JUSTICE.

6. IT IS FITTING ON THIS OCCASION TO REITERATE THE DESIRE OF THE
LATIN AMERICAN STATES THAT CECLA CONTINUE ITS EFFECTIVE WORK
AS AN ORGAN OF COORDINATION AND JOINT LATIN AMERICAN ACTION AT
REGIONAL AND WORLD LEVELS; AND THEIR DECISION THAT ALL WILL
CONTRIBUTE TO STRENGTHENING IT TO MAKE IT MORE EFFECTIVE.

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7. OTHER MECHANISMS OF COORDINATION SHOULD ALSO BE ESTABLISHED
AT THE LATIN AMERICAN LEVEL, AND WITH OTHER DEVELOPING NATIONS,
IN ORDER EFFICIENTLY TO UTILIZE BASIC PRODUCTS AND NATURAL RESOURCES
IN CONFORMITY WITH THEIR SOVEREIGN RIGHTS. IN THIS CONNECTION,
THE ADOPTION OF THE CONVENTION OF THE LATIN AMERICAN ENERGY
ORGANIZATION (OLADE) IS CAUSE FOR SATISFACTION.

8. TO REAFFIRM THE NEED TO INTENSIFY THE WORK OF RESTRUCTURING
THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM TO BRING IT IN TUNE WITH THE NEW
POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL CONDITIONS OF THE AMERICAN
STATES, AS WELL AS HEMISPHERIC AND WORLD CIRCUMSTANCES; AND TO

EXPRESS THEIR CONFIDENCE IN THE SUCCESS OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE
CREATED BY RESOLUTION 127 OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE OAS.

9. TO REITERATE THE URGENT NEED TO COMPLETE THE DRAFT OF THE
CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND OBLIGATION OF STATES TO THE END
THAT IT CAN BE STUDIED AND APPROVED BY THE 29TH SESSION OF THE
UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

10. TO EXPRESS THEIR PLEASURE AT THE WORK OF LATIN AMERICAN
REPRESENTATIVES IN SUBREGIONAL, REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL
ORGANIZATIONS, AND TO EXHORT THEM TO INTENSIFY THEIR EFFORTS
TO PROMOTE ADEQUATE LATIN AMERICAN AND WORLD COOPERATION.

11. TO REITERATE THE NEED TO INTENSIFY COMMON ACTION AT BOTH
CONTINENTAL AND WORLD LEVELS TO BRING ABOUT A JUST AND EQUITABLE
INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER. THEY EMPHASIZE THE URGENT NEED
TO INCREASE THEIR PARTICIPATION IN WORLD TRADE; JUST AND REMUN-
ERATIVE PRICES FOR THEIR BASIC PRODUCTS AND FAVORABLE TERMS
OF TRADE; ADEQUATE FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THEIR EXPORTS;
THE ELIMINATION OF PROTECTIONIST TRADE BARRIERS; THE ADOPTION
AND PERFECTION OF A GENERAL SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES, JURIDICALLY
GUARANTEED; ADEQUATE ACCESS TO TECHNOLOGY; AND THE CREATION OF
FAVORABLE CONDITIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL LOANS.

12. ALSO, WITH THE AIM OF ACHIEVING SOME OF THE COMMON OBJECTIVES
OF LATIN AMERICA, TO RECOMMEND:

A. THAT THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MEMBER NATIONS OF THE LATIN
AMERICAN FREE TRADE ASSOCIATION, THE TREATY OF CARTAGENA,
THE CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY AND THE ORGANIZATION OF CENTRAL AMERICAN
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STATES STUDY: MEANS OF PERFECTING THEIR MECHANISMS TO MAKE THEIR
ORGANIZATIONS MORE DYNAMIC; THE POSSIBILITY OF PARTICIPATION OF
OTHER NATIONS IN THEIR ORGANIZATIONS; WAYS TO ESTABLISH PERMANENT
CONTACT AMONG THEIR ORGANIZATIONS TO EXCHANGE INFORMATION AND
COOPERATE WITH EACH OTHER TO SPEED UP THE PROCESS OF INTERNATIONAL
THAT IS SO IMPORTANT IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE LATIN AMERICAN
NATIONS.

B. THAT A STUDY BE MADE ON THE POSSIBILITY OF HARMONIZING METHODS
AND PROCEDURES TO INCREASE TRADE AMONG THE LATIN AMERICAN
COUNTRIES.

C. THAT THE NETWORK OF AGREEMENTS AMONG LATIN AMERICAN CENTRAL
BANKS BE COMPLETED TO PERFECT THE SYSTEM OF RECIPROCAL PAYMENTS
AND CREDITS.

D. THAT STUDIES IN PROGRESS ON AIR, SEA AND LAND TRANSPORTATION BE
SPEEDED UP.

13. TO REITERATE THE CONTINUED APPLICATION OF THE FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES AND CONCEPTS, DECLARATIONS AND OTHER INSTRUMENTS THAT LATIN AMERICA HAS ADOPTED AND WHICH EXPRESS THE COMMON POLITICAL WILL OF ITS NATIONS.

14. FINALLY, TO DECLARE THAT THE INTENSIFICATION OF ACTION IN THE DEVELOPING WORLD TO STRUGGLE AGAINST DEPENDENCY WHICH IN ITS SEVERAL FORMS OPPOSES THE JUST ASPIRATIONS OF ITS PEOPLE TO ERADICATE THE OBSTACLES THAT CONSTRICT AND CONDITION THE PROGRESS OF THEIR NATIONS, CONSTITUTES A CONTINUING GOAL OF LATIN AMERICA. WHITE

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